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 SUBJECT: RWANDA ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL: NEW ZEALAND VIEWS

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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. NEW ZEALAND WELCOMES U.S. EFFORTS (REFTEL) TO PROMOTE A FOCUSED DISCUSSION OF WHAT TO DO ABOUT RWANDA'S SECURITY
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 COUNCIL PRESIDENCY. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID IT WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE TO HAVE RWANDA, AS A COUNTRY UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR GENOCIDE, GUIDE THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS IMPORTANT, AS THE U.S. NOTED, NOT TO JEOPARDIZE FRENCH FORCES ON THE GROUND. THE GNZ HAS BEEN DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM WITH ITS UN MISSION (THOUGH WITH NO OTHER GOVERNMENTS SO FAR) BUT HAS REACHED NO FIRM DECISIONS YET ON HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.

3. WIN COCHRANE, CHIEF OF MFAT'S AFRICAN DIVISION, SAID NEW ZEALAND, NORMALLY AN ADVOCATE OF SCRUPULOUS PROCEDURAL

CORRECTNESS, WAS NOT INCLINED TO BE GUIDED IN THIS CASE BY PRECEDENT ALONE. THE MORAL AND POLITICAL COLLAPSE OF THE GOR RAISED TOO MANY NEW, IMPORTANT, BUT UNPRECEDENTED ISSUES AND SHOULD BE APPROACHED, HE SAID, WITH "COMMON SENSE."

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4. WHILE NEW ZEALAND HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT A CHALLENGE TO THE GOR'S CREDENTIALS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, COCHRANE SAID, THE SECURITY COUNCIL WAS ANOTHER MATTER. SPEAKING BEFORE HE HAD CONSULTED FULLY WITH UN OR LEGAL EXPERTS IN HIS MINISTRY, COCHRANE NOTED THAT PRECEDENTS EXISTED FOR COUNTRIES SERVING LESS THAN A TWO-YEAR TERM THERE, AS NEW ZEALAND ITSELF HAD DONE IN THE 1960'S WHEN IT LEFT THE COUNCIL AFTER ONE YEAR TO MAKE ROOM FOR ANOTHER WEOG MEMBER BY CONSENSUS OF ITS REGIONAL GROUP. THE GNZ BELIEVED THE AFRICANS MIGHT BACK A SOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES. WHILE APPROVING THE U.S. TACTIC IN APPROACHING ONLY COUNCIL MEMBERS AT THIS STAGE, COCHRANE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT SOON AS WELL TO BRING THE TANZANIANS, AS THE BROKERS OF THE ARUSHA ACCORD, INTO AN AFRICAN DECISION TO

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SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER MEMBER FOR THE BALANCE OF RWANDA'S TERM. COCHRANE SAID NEW ZEALAND APPRECIATED THE EARLY DATE AND CONSULTATIVE STYLE OF THE U.S. APPROACH AND WOULD INSTRUCT ITS UN DELEGATION TO COOPERATE WITH USDEL IN DISCUSSING HOW TO MEET THE PROBLEM. BEEMAN

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